



**Open Space Committee
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room
Minutes**

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7:30pm

Welcome to new Park and Recreation Commission liaison Shirley Canniff, replacing Elena Bartholomew

Present: David White, Ann LeRoy, Brian Kelder, Elizabeth Carr-Jones, Wendy Richter, Jane Auger, Shirley Canniff

Absent: Kelsey Cowen, Nat Strosberg, John Pickle, Teresa DeBenedictis

Minutes: The minutes of January 25, 2018 meeting were accepted with revisions and corrections

Take A Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces: - Ann, Elisabeth and Wendy reported on their walk-about in the Heights. The maps and a variety of walking routes were discussed, with helpful input from others.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022): The continuing process of updating information from different OSC projects and locations for eventual inclusion in the Plan was discussed. Updates will continue to be compiled by members, and submitted through Brian Kelder for inclusion in the Google Docs tracking file. Park and Rec is focusing on the Reservoir Project, ADA compliance, CPA vs capital funding, etc.

OSC Communications: Interviews with John Pickle regarding Picture Posts are on the Town OSC web page and ACMi website. Facebook updates are on-going, but the page needs greater exposure.

Picture Post Project: New posts to be installed pending ground unfreezing.

Updates on CPA Projects (2017-2018):

Spy Pond Erosion Control project continuing

Robbins Farm park work nearly completed but not yet reopened

Reservoir Master Plan phase 1 nearly finished - Public meeting scheduled for 7pm, 4/3/18, at the Senior Center; the report is not yet available but may be before the meeting. Reservoir phase 2 application submitted to CPA for spring Town Meeting decision.

Mill Brook @ Wellington Park Pilot Project (MyRWA); Steering committee meeting 3/1/18 (daytime);

Public meeting 6pm, 3/8/18 Senior Center; Onsite meeting at Wellington Park Saturday 4/14/18, time TBA.

Other News, Projects and Reports

Ecofest - Greenward! Saturday 3/24 10-2 Town Hall. OSC will have a display table needing volunteers

Ed Gordon historical walk in East Arlington, Saturday 5/5/2018 9:15-11am. Sign up for space-limited event through Walking in Arlington (\$15)

Earth Day -Volunteers are needed for the Planning Committee for Clean Up activities on 4/22/18.

Arlington Great Meadows - Excel Nursing Home is closing at the northwest corner of Arlington Great Meadows; property is up for sale. We will need an easement for continued access to AGM from Bryant Rd and Maple St access points. David White will draft a letter to the Town Select Board and Town Manager to permanently protect AGM and preserve access; unanimously approved by those present

Minutes submitted by Jane Auger

2018 Meeting Dates: April 26, May 24, June 28, July and August TBA, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 15, Dec 13